

a groove on said hood extending towards the document feed path opening of the dispensing device for guiding printed documents dispensed from the dispensing device through said means for covering at least the document feed path opening and into said means for providing access.

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4. (amended) The protective device of claim 1 wherein said protective device further includes:

said protective device is secured to a portion of [the] <u>a</u> cover assembly of [a] <u>the</u> dispensing device.

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Please amend claim 6 to depend from claim 1.

Please cancel claim 7.

11. (twice amended) A protective device for protecting a dispensing device having a document feed path opening for dispensing documents from environmental contamination, said protective device comprising:

an enclosure extending over the document feed path opening of the dispensing device; a top panel on said enclosure;

at least one groove extending downward in said top panel on said enclosure;

means for securing said enclosure adjacent the document feed path opening of [a] the dispensing device to cover the document feed path opening; and

an access opening in said enclosure and extending away from the document feed path opening of the dispensing device.

12. (amended) The protective device of claim 11 wherein said means for securing said dispenser includes:

means for securing said protective device to [the] <u>a cover assembly on the</u> dispensing device [cover assembly] adjacent the document feed path opening of the dispensing device.



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